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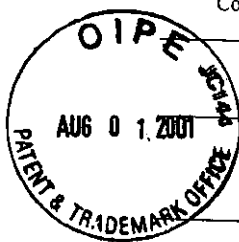
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Our Case No. 10022/18

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Inventor(s):

Como et. al.

Serial No.: 09/710,154

Filing Date: November 9, 2000

Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR  
BUSINESS PLANNING VIA A  
COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

Examiner: Not Yet Determined

Group Art Unit No.: 2161

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**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a)**

Dear Sir:

In reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts, dated January 31, 2001, the signing Applicants hereby petition to extend the period of response for four months from March 31, 2001 to July 31, 2001 under 37 C.F.R. 1.136. The applicable fee of \$ 1,390 under 1.17(a)(4) is enclosed. Further, signing Applicants have enclosed the surcharge fee of \$ 130 under 37 C.F.R. 1.16(e) for submission of the enclosed Declaration of the Patent Application.

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The enclosed Declaration for the above patent application was not signed by one listed inventor, John Mitchell, even though we requested him to do so. Accordingly, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.47(a) the signing Applicants hereby petition for the acceptance of the enclosed Declaration as if it were fully executed by all of the inventors set forth thereon. This petition is accompanied by a Declaration of Facts under 37 C.F.R. 1.47(a) and the applicable petition fee of \$ 130 under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i).

The enclosed Declaration of Facts under 37 C.F.R. 1.47(a) sets forth pertinent facts demonstrating a diligent effort to provide the nonsigning inventor with the application, cover letter of instructions, the Declaration and Assignment. Further, the enclosed Declaration of Facts under 37 C.F.R. 1.47(a) sets forth pertinent facts on the nonsigning inventor's failure to execute the Declaration for the patent application. The rules of the Patent and Trademark Office, embodied in 37 C.F.R. 1.47, facilitate the continued prosecution of a patent application, despite the failure of an inventor to sign a Declaration, particularly where the inventor is no longer employed by the owner of the patent application. *Bausch & Lomb, Inc. v. Barnes-Hind/Hydrocurve, Inc.*, 230 U.S. P.Q. 416, 418 (CAFC 1986).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees which are required or credit any overpayment made to Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

If there are any questions, please contact Darin E. Bartholomew at 312-321-4240.

Dated: July 30, 2001

  
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# EXHIBIT A

Docket No. 10022/18  
Docket No. 10022/47

## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, Arnold Z. Huffman, Richard R. Krahn, John Mitchell, and Michael S. Sweeney, hereinafter called the "Assignors", have made the invention described in the United States patent application entitled METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR BUSINESS PLANNING VIA A COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK executed by Assignors, filed in the U.S. Patent Office on November 9, 2000, and assigned U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/710,154 (Docket No. 10022/18) and PCT Application No. PCT/US 00/42105 (Docket No. 10022/47);

WHEREAS, Accenture LLP, a limited liability partnership organized and existing under the laws of the State of Illinois, having a place of business at 100 S. Wacker Dr., Chicago, Illinois 60603, hereinafter called the "Assignee", desires to acquire the Assignors' entire right, title and interest in and to the invention and the patent application identified above, and all patents which may be obtained for said invention, as set forth below;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of valuable and legally sufficient consideration, the receipt of which by the Assignors from the Assignee is hereby acknowledged, the Assignors have sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign and transfer to the Assignee, the Assignors' entire right, title and interest for the United States in and to the invention and the patent application identified above, and any patents that may issue for said invention in the United States; together with the Assignors' entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and all patent applications and patents therefor in all countries foreign to the United States, including the full right to claim for any such application all benefits and priority rights under any applicable convention; together with the Assignors' entire right, title and interest in and to all continuations, divisions, renewals and extensions of any of the patent applications and patents defined above; to have and to hold for the sole and exclusive use and benefit of the Assignee, its successors and assigns, to the full end of the term or terms for all such patents.

The Assignors hereby covenant and agree, for both the Assignors and the Assignors' legal representatives, that the Assignors will assist the Assignee in the prosecution of the patent application identified above; in the making and prosecution of any other patent

applications that the Assignee may elect to make covering the invention identified above; in vesting in the Assignee like exclusive title in and to all such other patent applications and patents; and in the prosecution of any interference which may arise involving said invention, or any such patent application or patent; and that the Assignors will execute and deliver to the Assignee any and all additional papers which may be requested by the Assignee to carry out the terms of this Assignment.

The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is hereby authorized and requested to issue patents to the Assignee in accordance with the terms of this Assignment.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Assignors have executed this agreement.

DATED:

3/19/01

Arnold Z. Huffman

DATED:

3/19/01

Richard R. Krahn  
Richard R. Krahn

DATED:

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John Mitchell

DATED:

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Michael S. Sweeney  
Michael S. Sweeney

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**SHAWN S. CORNELIUS**  
Notary Public State of Ohio, Cuy. Cty.  
My Commission Expires Dec. 2, 2004  
SS.

COUNTY OF )

I, SHAWN S. CORNELIUS, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that Arnold Z. Huffman, personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that (s)he signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as his/her free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Notarial Seal, this 19 day of MARCH, 2001.

(SEAL)

SH S. CL  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 12/02/04

**EXHIBIT B**

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Re: **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR BUSINESS  
PLANNING VIA A COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK**  
Our Case No. 10022/18

Dear John:

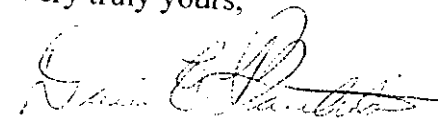
We have enclosed a copy of the above-identified application, along with a declaration and assignment. Please review the application and mail the signed declaration and assignment to my attention at the above address no later than April 30, 2001.

The enclosed materials, including the patent application, entitled Method and System for a Business Planning Via a Communications Network, are confidential information or trade secrets of Accenture LLP and must not be disclosed to anyone without the express written permission of Accenture LLP pursuant to the terms of your employment with Accenture LLP.

We have enclosed a self-addressed stamped envelope for your convenience.

If you have any questions, please call 312-321-4240.

Very truly yours,



Darin E. Bartholomew

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# EXHIBIT C

## DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

Case No. 10022/18

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR BUSINESS PLANNING VIA A COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK, the specification of which:

- ☐ is attached hereto.  
☒ was filed on November 9, 2000 as Application Serial No. 09/710,154.  
☐ and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or § 365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)

Priority Claimed

(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year Filed)
N/A		

☐ Yes  
☒ No

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

(Application Serial No.)	(Filing Date)
N/A	

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any United States application(s), or § 365(c) of any PCT International application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application:

(Application Serial No.)	(Filing Date)	(Status-patented, pending, abandoned)
N/A		None

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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